Mr. President: Technically the Government is the final authority, but in matters like this Government will act only on the advice of the High Court.

FACILITIES TO AGRICULTURISTS.

367. Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether seeds, manure, and agricultural implements are now lent to the agriculturists;

(*b*) the number of stud bulls which have been kept in different centres and the names of such centres?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): (*a*) Paddy seeds are issued to cultivators on loan.

Implements are given free for trial in ryots' lands.

Manures are not issued on credit.

(*b*) There are 22 stud bulls and they are stationed in the following centres.

(*a*) *Bulls stationed at Government cost,*		
Mulanthuruthy Manure Depot	...	1
Cocoanut station, Vyttila (including one buffalo bull)	...	2
Government Central Farm, Ollurkkara (including one buffalo bull)		6
Manure Depot, Vadakkancheri	...	1
Rural Development Centre, Cherpu	...	1
(*b*) *Grant-in aid Bulls,*		
Koodalmanickom Devaswam, Irinjalakkuda	...	1
Alappatt Thomman Kunhipalu, Kattur	...	1
Kuruppanagad Makar Koya Ahamad, Eriyad	...	1
Kerala Varma Thampuran, Chalakkudi	...	1
Co-operative Society, Mattom	...	1
Sreemathi Konkoth Ammu Amma, Vilvattom	...	1
(*c*) *Bulls given on loan.*		
Municipal Council, Ernakulam	...	2
Leper Hospital, Adoor	...	1
R. Viswanathan Chettiar, Nemmara	...	1
Group Panchayat, Pallippuram	...	1

Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*): Has the Government tried any experiments as regards the lending of manure and agricultural implements?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): If there is a local authority who will undertake this work, Government will give all facilities. I want the House to understand that it is public funds and there is a responsibility on our part to see that the Public money is not wasted. If a Panchayat is forthcoming every facility would be given to it.

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Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*): Can it not be done through the Co-operative Societies?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Certainly. If the Co-operative Societies are willing nothing would give us greater pleasure.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*): I would like to know whether any attempt has been made to make experiments.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): We are going to make some experiments. Orders have already been issued. But the Co-operative Societies and Panchayats have not come forward to undertake this work.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*): Will it not be possible to give these on the hypothecation of crops?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Who is going to collect these?

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*): The Inspector.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): I do not know whether it will create some discontent. It would be better if a local authority is entrusted with this.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*): Has not manure been lent and is not the Revenue Inspector collecting it.?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): We should have a reasonable security. Then we will do that.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ: ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെൻറിൽ നിന്നു കൊടുക്കുന്ന വളം കൊണ്ടു ഇന്നു കൃഷിചെയ്യുന്നതിനേക്കാൾ നല്ലനിലയിൽ കൃഷിചെയ്യുവാൻ സാധിക്കുമെന്നു ഗവൺമെൻറിനു ബോദ്ധ്യമുണ്ടോ?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): That is a technical question. I will ascertain and inform you though I may have my own opinion.

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. ഇച്ചരമേനോൻ: കർഷകന്മാർ ഇതുകൊണ്ടു ഗുണമുണ്ടെന്നു കണ്ടിട്ടില്ല പിന്നെയും വേണം വേണം എന്നുപറയുന്നതു്.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*): In the matter of supply of paddy seeds may I know the extent to which the seeds have been given?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): The quantity of paddy required as seeds may cost lakhs. Take one or two places. It is all very easy in theory but in practice you will not be able to find out the funds and supply paddy seeds to all. It is only our inability to do so. I will be able to show you how

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impossible it is, after the Council is over, by giving you a few figures.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Cannot the Government organise Co-operative Societies to do this?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): It can be done only if people are willing to come forward. We can only place all the technical machinery at the disposal of the people. People themselves must come forward.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Have the Government taken any interest in organising Societies? Have they requested anybody? They should go to the village and organise people instead of simply sitting at Trichur.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): They have been instructed and they are doing that. I have pressed upon them the absolute necessity of going about and doing the needful as suggested by the hon'ble member.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Excepting the Land Mortgage Bank, the other Societies are doing nothing at all. They must be asked to do more vigorous work, instead of simply keeping quiet.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*:) We are turning our attention to non-credit Societies and we will see a number of Societies springing up.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*): In view of the answer to (*a*), will the Minister be pleased to tell us the approximate extent to which paddy seeds are given?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): I may tell you that it will not be profitable to the farmer to take these to a distance because of the transport charges. It must be within a range of 8 or 10 miles from the Farm. That is only an inference.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*): May I draw the attention of the Minister that the seeds now used are sold haphazardly. Will the Minister consider my suggestion sympathetically so that there may be more centres where paddy seeds are given even on sale?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Yes.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: പഞ്ചായത്തു ഇമ്മസ്ഥന്മാരോട് സെക്ക്രിട്ടി വാങ്ങി അവിടെ വളവും വിത്തും ശേഖരിക്കുവാൻ, പഞ്ചായത്തു പ്രസിഡണ്ടന്മാരുടെ അഭിപ്രായം എന്താണെന്നറിയാൻ, ഒരു സക്കുലർ അയക്കുകയുണ്ടായി. അതിന്റെ തീരുമാനം എന്തായി?

ഡാക്ടർ എ. ആർ. മേനോൻ: അതിനു അഞ്ചുദിവസംമുമ്പ് ഓർഡർ ഇഷ്യൂ ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്.

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